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SHEET METAL AND AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS' NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

January 13, 2014

The Honorable Ernest Moniz  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz:

The Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) is supported by more than 4,500 construction firms engaged in industrial, commercial, residential, architectural and specialty sheet metal and air conditioning construction throughout the United States, including more than two dozen Oregon corporations. **On behalf of our membership we urge your support for approval of the Jordan Cove Energy Project to export liquefied natural gas (LNG).**

While endorsing a project of any kind, including a joint endorsement of a construction project, is a rare event for our association, the Jordan Cove Energy Project is unique and meets economic and employment goals shared by our OR and national contractors and our workforce. Not only will the Jordan Cove project stimulate and sustain the economy of the SW Oregon region, it will serve export markets beneficial to our balance of payments as well as the energy needs of our allies. This nearly \$8 billion construction project (export facility and pipeline) would employ an average of 1,750 people over 42 months with peak employment being 3,000 construction jobs. **In addition, we are pleased that a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) has been negotiated to build this facility**, ensuring a first rate workforce will complete the project over a four year period. With a large scale, highly skilled construction effort concluding at the Intel Corporation expansion site, the Jordan Cove LNG Project's planned ground breaking would sequence very well for both specialty skilled contractors and the Building Trades' skilled labor. The Intel expansion has been a major positive for the Oregon construction industry but that project is nearing completion. Most industry observers believe a probable OR construction slowdown could be largely mitigated by approval and construction of the Jordan Cove Energy Project.

Jordan Cove is a model for the private financing of necessary infrastructure improvements in SW Oregon. The pipeline's cost will be borne by The Williams Companies, at no expense to taxpayers or utility ratepayers. The infrastructure improvements will increase the availability of natural gas in SW Oregon and will make the region more competitive in attracting industries that require large volumes of natural gas from a reliable source. As an added benefit, the pipeline would connect to the Williams' Grants Pass Lateral Pipeline, allowing gas to flow northward to meet established demands in Roseburg and Eugene serving our firms and markets.



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Although some of the opponents of LNG exports have advocated pause prior to Jordan Cove being approved, this delay would be harmful and counterproductive to Oregon's economy and construction market. **Further, it would have an insignificant impact on regional natural gas pricing.** In fact, Jordan Cove will have minimal impact on gas prices based upon the economic analysis performed by the Navigant consultancy firm comparing it to six proposed LNG export projects on the East Coast, the Gulf region and on the West Coast.

We urge you to lend your leadership and support to the Jordan Cove Energy Project. Our broad based management – labor coalition in OR and across the nation seeking approval for the project appreciates your consideration of this needed upgrade to our energy infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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